



FI Newsletter

The Town of Fenwick Island

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Spring has finally come! Daffodils graced our median strips again to let us know that summer is on its way. Thanks again to the Barefoot Gardeners Club for their hard work in beautifying our town. Most of us in Fenwick this winter saw amounts of snow that we have not seen in many years. Our Public Works Department did an outstanding job keeping our streets and public areas cleared.

Your Town Council is very busy with projects including the 2010/11 Budget and its many aspects and the Public Safety Building as well as the day-to-day operations which require our input and decisions. Our council members have a wide variety of life experiences. With the willingness to work as a team and to share their knowledge and abilities, we are able to accomplish many tasks that we undertake. My thanks goes out to them for their tireless work.

Town Manager Win Abbott has just completed his first year in Fenwick Island. If you have not met Win, please stop in and introduce yourself. It is always good to know who you are speaking with if the need should arise.

Please check out the Town's new website. What a great change! This site is more professional as well as more user-friendly.

Spring as usual brings items which should be addressed. Parking Passes are available for pickup; passes are also available for purchase. Make sure they are properly displayed and that you are parked in an appropriate place. Also make sure you have registered to vote in the Town of Fenwick Island (see page 4 for more information). Trash and recycling are now on the summer schedule. If you do not have a recycle bin, please contact Town Hall.

I wish each of you a Happy and Healthy spring and summer and may you have the time to enjoy our great Town.

Audrey Serio, Mayor & Council President

PARKING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

Parking Passes must be used on all streets May 15 to September 15. Property owners can pick up passes at Town Hall M-F 8AM-4PM and on weekends and holidays 9AM-3PM.

Visitor passes are sold at Town Hall during regular business hours and on weekends and holidays 9AM- 3PM. The sale of a parking pass does not guarantee a parking space.

Town Manager's Report

Winter has lost its icy grip on Fenwick Island. And, as the daffodil blooms faded, I witnessed dolphins playing beyond the breakers. On a balmy spring evening, people strolled along the beach and even tested the cool ocean waters. Yes, summer will soon be here!

Many have called to ask about the state of the beach. Winter storms made the beach more narrow but the sand didn't go far. With each passing week, those fine Fenwick Island sands are finding their way back home. So tell your friends and family to make their summer vacation plans! The beach will be here and the Town of Fenwick Island welcomes them.

The Town website www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov has undergone a big makeover. Check it out for the latest news, tips and a chronicle of all meetings of Council and committees.

Of course, spring is about more than sunshine and flowers. There's yard work and house cleaning chores to do as well. Please be mindful of your grass and set out yard waste in a manner that is both visible and consistent with trash collection standards. Bulk trash pickup is scheduled for June 7, 8 and 9. You can find the schedule for all types of pickup on the Town website under "Departments" and, then, under the sub-heading "Public Works."

Be safe this summer, please. The highway crossover signs have been upgraded to indicate the time left for a safe passage. We should always be alert, though, because drivers can be distracted.

Have a good time in Fenwick Island and support your local business community by patronizing the many stores and restaurants that we have to offer.

Best wishes,

Win Abbott, Town Manager

Charter & Ordinance Committee

The Charter & Ordinance Committee continues to review and update our ordinances. At our monthly meetings we have gone page by page, reviewing, adding new sections and attempting to make our ordinances clear and enforceable. Recent changes not yet codified can be viewed at www.ecode360.com. All are welcome to attend and provide input at our meetings. With few exceptions, the C&O meets the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Contact [Pat Schuchman](#) for more information.

Bill Weistling, Council Member

Fenwick Island Police Department

The warmer weather is finally here and with it comes increased traffic and visitors. Please take the time to make sure you stay safe when walking, biking and crossing the highway. Cross at the marked crosswalks along Coastal Highway. Wear brightly colored clothing for high visibility and be sure to use/wear reflectors when walking and bicycling in the evening.

Our community has been lucky and has not suffered from the marked increase in crime that typically accompanies an economic downturn. We all need to do our part not to become victims—lock your car doors and don't leave items of value like cell phones out in the open. Keep your property locked. This includes your bikes, your house and the garage. Sign up to www.Nixle.com for email and text alerts for traffic and weather alerts and for daily reports on accidents and incidents. Please take advantage of this valuable service and have a safe and fun summer season.

Chief William H. Bayden

Environmental Committee

Environmental Committee volunteers planted grass on the remnants of Fenwick's dunes as part of Delaware's Annual Planting Program. This grass is showing signs of growth, which means that what's left of our dunes after the winter nor'easters will better protect the area against future storms. However, volunteers ran out of grass before all the dunes could be planted. The State of Delaware reports that, due to lack of funding and a limited window of time for planting, the remaining unplanted dunes will have to wait until another time. See "Remembering Old Fenwick Island" on page 3 for a not-so nostalgic look at what can happen when the dunes are damaged.

Recent meetings of the EC have been devoted to the "Health of Our Inland Bays." Sally Boswell (Center for the Inland Bays) and Council Member Todd Smallwood presented a program at the March meeting. Because of the many follow up questions from the public regarding specific bacterial readings of the Little Assawoman Bay waters, EC member Buzz Henifin spoke at the April meeting regarding his many years of bay water testing for the Inland Bays Citizen Monitoring Program. Although the testing results are difficult to interpret, they are noted on the DNREC website www.dnrec.delaware.gov. Recent news reports indicate that the State is also considering a plan to test for arsenic in nearby water areas.

The public is invited to attend meetings of the Environmental Committee, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 in the Town Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Council Member Vicki Carmean

FEMA News

Tips for filing an Insurance Claim

First, review the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Flood Insurance Claims Handbook that you received with your flood policy renewal. If

Tips for filing an Insurance Claim (Cont)

possible, photograph the outside of the premises, showing any damage or flooding. Photograph the inside of the premises, showing the damaged property and the height of the water if your property was flooded. Call your insurance agent to report your claim. If you have separate flood insurance, also call your flood insurance agent to report your claim. Your flood insurance agent will prepare a Notice of Loss form and an adjuster will be assigned to assist you.

Separate the damaged from the undamaged property and put it in the best possible order for the adjuster's examination. If reasonably possible, protect the property from further damage. Damaged property which represents a health hazard or which may hamper local clean-up operations should be disposed of. Be sure to adequately describe and photograph discarded items so that, when the adjuster examines your losses and your records, these articles are included in the documentation. Good records speed up settlement of your claim. Compile a room-by-room inventory of damaged goods, and include manufacturer names, dates, place of purchase and price. Try to locate receipts of proof of purchase, especially for major appliances and note manufacturer name, serial number, price and date of purchase.

When the adjuster visits your property, let him know if you need an advance or partial payment of loss. Again, good records can assist your insurance companies and the NFIP in giving you an advance payment. Use your inventory to work with the adjuster in presenting your claim.

Pat Schuchman, Building Official

Remembering Old Fenwick Island

From the Fenwick Island Newsletter Spring 1982

REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CHAIRPERSON: MARY PAT KYLE

The crews from the State Beach Preservation Section of the Department of Natural Resources have been working to restore our dunes and fences, badly damaged in last November's storm. At that time, about a third of the dune was washed away and virtually all of the ocean side sand fencing was stripped from the dune by the heavy seas.

The dunes are important to us, not just aesthetically, but because in the event of a major storm, they could buy us additional time for evacuation. In minor storms, they protect our properties and streets from flooding. The sand on the dunes is trapped by the beach grass. This grass is very intolerant of foot traffic and will break off and die when trampled. This causes bare spots which grow into large areas where the sand blows away in the winter winds.

We ask you, please not only not to walk on the dunes yourselves, but ask you to remind visitors that they also must refrain from doing so.

2010 Junior Lifeguard Program

Session #1 June 29-July 1□ Session #4 July 20-22□
Session #2 July 6-8□ Session #5 July 27-29□
Session #3 July 13-15□ Session #6 August 3-5□

All sessions run from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Advanced Program begins July 6.
Please call town hall for more information or download an application
www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov



Limit 15 children per session.



Cultural & Historic Preservation

The C&HP Sub-committee continues to collect photos of Old Fenwick Island and welcomes you to participate in its oral history project. Contact Town Hall if you wish to have your memories recorded.

Fenwick Island Beach Patrol

The FIBP are looking forward to another excellent beach season. It may be hard to believe right now, but summer will soon be here. Because many of our guards from last year are returning, we anticipate having another excellent and experienced staff.

The FIBP will commence duty on Saturday May 29 with coverage through Memorial Day weekend. Thereafter, the beach patrol will be on duty for the weekend of June 5-6 with full time coverage beginning on June 12 and extending through Labor Day, September 6. Weekend coverage will resume the following two weekends, September 11-12 and 18-19. Daily hours of operation are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The FIBP will be assisting with the Town Bonfire again this year (July 3 @6:30 PM; rain date July 4). The event is free and open to the public and takes place on Dagsboro Street Beach. Fundraiser T-Shirts will be available as well as games and music for both kids and adults. Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts will help offset the cost for the USLA National Lifeguard Championships that will be held in Los Angeles, CA. For information regarding tax-exempt donations that can be made on behalf of the FIBP, contact Captain Tim Ferry at tferry@fenwickisland.org.

Tim Ferry, Fenwick Island Beach Patrol Captain

Fenwick Island Farmers Market



Join your neighbors at the Fenwick Island Farmers Market. Open 8AM to Noon on Monday and Friday from June 28 through September 3, the Market is located at the corner of Essex Street and Coastal Highway.

New Web Site

We are fortunate to be the grand prize winner of the Extreme Lite Makeover Contest sponsored by CivicPlus of Manhattan, Kansas. Visit us at www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov and let us know how we are doing.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS

All those wishing to vote in the annual election must be registered with the Town no later than June 30. A voter qualifications guide and application form is available at Town Hall or on line at www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov/

The filing deadline to run for a seat on Town Council is 4:30 PM on Tuesday June 22. Three council terms expire this year: Gardner Bunting, Diane Tingle and Bill Weistling. You must be registered to vote for at least one year prior to the election for which you seek to be nominated. Other candidate qualifications include: a natural person who is a citizen of the United States; age 21 on or before the date of the election; and either a *bona fide* resident of the Town or a property owner in the Town; you may not have been convicted of a felony. Contact Town Clerk, Agnes DiPietrantonio, to obtain a filing package.



Election Day in Fenwick Island is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 from 1 PM—5PM. The Fenwick Island Society of Homeowners (FISH) is hosting a “Meet the Candidates” on Saturday July 24 at 9 AM.

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A Safety Reminder

Summertime is great here at the beach but, please, don't leave common sense behind when you come for your visit. Remember to lock your car doors and to secure your dwelling at all times. Place valuables where they cannot be seen. Don't invite a tragedy. Be smart and be safe.

Town Council	Council Calendar	<div data-bbox="781 1110 1036 1209"> Residential Trash Collection Schedule 2010 </div> <div data-bbox="760 1245 1053 1293"> Monday & Thursday Pick-up May 3 —September 30 </div> <div data-bbox="781 1318 1032 1371"> Monday only Pick-up October 4 —April 25 </div> <div data-bbox="776 1396 1042 1499"> Heavy Trash & Appliance Pick-up June 7, 8, & 9 September 8, 9, & 10 </div> <div data-bbox="1149 1178 1490 1470"> Please Remember... do not place trash or recycle containers out earlier than 24 hrs in advance and remember to put them away promptly within 12 hours after pick-up. </div>	
<div data-bbox="99 1163 358 1226"> Audrey Serio Mayor, President of Council aserio@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1245 389 1308"> Todd Smallwood Deputy Mayor tsmallwood@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1327 347 1390"> Diane Tingle Secretary dtingle@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1409 367 1472"> Gardner Bunting Treasurer gbunting@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1491 375 1533"> Vicki Carmean vcarmean@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1551 381 1593"> Bill Weistling wweistling@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1612 358 1654"> Gene Langan glangan@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1673 396 1757"> Win Abbott Town Manager wabbott@fenwickisland.org </div> <div data-bbox="99 1776 431 1948"> Town Hall Phone Numbers Phone: 302.539.3011 Fax: 302.539.1305 Police Department Phone # Phone: 302.539.2000 Officer on Duty 302.542.8793 Emergency: 911 </div>	<div data-bbox="467 1152 699 1197"> Friday, May 21 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1218 699 1262"> Friday, June 25 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1283 699 1327"> Wednesday, June 30 • Voter registration closes </div> <div data-bbox="467 1348 699 1392"> Friday, July 23 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1413 678 1457"> Saturday, August 7 • Town Election 1- 5pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1478 699 1522"> Friday, August 27 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1543 699 1587"> Friday, September 24 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1608 699 1652"> Friday, October 22 • Council Meeting 3:30pm </div> <div data-bbox="467 1673 699 1961"> TOWN EVENTS Saturday, May 22, 2010 Beach Cleanup Dagsboro St at 9:00 am Children's Program Reading in the Park Sponsored by the Barefoot Gardeners At the Gazebo 10:00 am June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31 and August 14 Saturday, July 3, 2010 Town Bonfire 6:30 – 10:30 July 4 Bonfire - Rain date </div>	<div data-bbox="760 1524 1089 1556"> <u>Curbside Recycle Schedule</u> </div> <div data-bbox="732 1587 1101 1770"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May—September pickup every Friday • October through April pick-ups are <u>first & third</u> Fridays only </div> <div data-bbox="1127 1524 1490 1770"> Reminder: The FI Lions Club aluminum can recycling bins will remain at both the beach ends and behind town hall. Please continue to support their cause. </div> <div data-bbox="1393 1625 1479 1738">  </div>	
<div data-bbox="760 1801 959 1953">  </div>		<div data-bbox="997 1822 1451 1921"> Shuffleboard League Contact Mary Wright 302.539.6697 for information. </div>	